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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, PDEV, ET, SO
SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: SOMALI PERMREP'S COMMENTS ON
WESTERN DRAFT "ELEMENTS"

1. SOMALI PERMREP HUSSEN HANDED AMBASSADOR LEONARD MARCH
7 A COPY OF HUSSEN'S OWN COMMENTS ON THE WESTERN DRAFT
"ELEMENTS" OF A POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON
THE HORN. HUSSEN SAID THAT HE HAD JUST TELEXED COMMENTS
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TO MOGADISCIO AND, UNTIL A REPLY WAS RECEIVED, US
SHOULD NOT REGARD THEM AS OFFICIAL SOMALI VIEW. HUSSEN'S
COMMENTS FOLLOW:

2. "THE CENTRAL ISSUE HERE IS NOT A CONTEST BETWEEN
ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. THAT CONTEST IS ONLY A SYMPTON OR
MANIFESTATION, ONE WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE CENTRAL

PROBLEM IS AT LONG LAST ADDRESSED BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY. THE CENTRAL PROBLEM IS THE OGADEN AND THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE PEOPLE OF THAT REGION WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY THEMSELVES TO DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL DESTINY. WE CAN TELL YOU, AS AFRICANS AND AS SOMALIS WHO WITNESSED THE GREAT EVENTS OF THIS CENTURY, THAT ANY PURPORTED SOLUTION OF THE OGADEN ISSUE WHICH DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AND WHICH THUS VIOLATES ONE OF THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, WILL FAIL. THE HISTORY OF THIS CENTURY PROVES THAT THE ONLY PRINCIPLE OF POLITICAL LEGITIMACY WHICH IS TENABLE AND MORALLY DEFENSIBLE IS ONE WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS, THE CITIZENS, OF A COMMUNITY. THE LIBERATION OF MUCH OF THE THIRD WORLD SINCE 1945 IS THE TRIUMPH OF THIS PRINCIPLE; THE CONTINUING BLOODY TRAGEDY OF THE OGADEN IS AN OBJECT LESSON OF WHAT HAPPENS AND WILL HAPPEN IF THAT PRINCIPLE IS IGNORED. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL URGENTLY ADOPT A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR AN OGADEN SOLUTION:

- (I) ITS CONCERN AT THE CONFLICT IN THE OGADEN;
- (II) THE RELEVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
- UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND IN PARTICULAR
- THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF
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- PEOPLES AS WELL AS RESPECT FOR THE TERRI-
- TORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE
- OF STATES TO A SOLUTION OF THE OGADEN
- PROBLEM;
- (III) THE DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF ALL
- HOSTILITIES IN THE OGADEN;
- (IV) THE DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDI-
- TIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL NON-AFRICAN MILI-
- TARY AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL FROM THE OGADEN
- AND FROM SURROUNDING TERRITORIES;
- (V) THE DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDI-
- TIONAL CESSATION OF ALL MILITARY AND
- MATERIEL DELIVERIES TO ALL PARTIES TO THE
- CONFLICT;
- (VI) AN ORDER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
- UNITED NATIONS TO PREPARE TO CONDUCT WITHIN
- THREE MONTHS OF THE DAY OF THE RESOLUTION A
- PLEBISCITE IN THE OGADEN REGION, IN WHICH

- THE INHABITANTS THEREOF MAY FREELY EXPRESS
 - THEIR DESIRE

 - A. TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE;
 - B. TO ESTABLISH TIES OF ASSOCIATION OR
 - INTEGRATION WITH THE SOMALI REPUBLIC;

 - C. TO ESTABLISH TIES OF ASSOCIATION OR
 - INTEGRATION WITH ETHIOPIA;

 - (VII) THE DEMAND THAT FORCES IN THE OGADEN AT THE
 - TIME OF THE CEASE-FIRE GIVE FULL COOPERA-
 - TION TO THE STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS
 - CHARGED WITH PREPARING AND CONDUCTING THE
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- AFORESAID PLEBISCITE;

- (VIII) AFFIRM, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PLEBISCITE,
- THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF

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- THE INHABITANTS OF THE OGADEN;
- (IX) IN A SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION ORDER THAT ALL
- PARTIES COMPLY WITH THE STATED WISHES OF
- THE INHABITANTS OF THE OGADEN.

MY GOVERNMENT WILL COMMIT ITSELF AT THIS TIME TO ABIDE
BY THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE OGADEN. WE CALL
UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA TO GIVE THE SAME
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COMMITMENT IN THIS FORUM.

- "MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE CRISIS
OF THE OGADEN AND INDEED THE HISTORY OF SOMALILAND IS A
PARADIGM OF THE HISTORY OF COLONIALISM. BY FORCE,
DECEIT AND DISHONOR, A NATION AND ITS LAND WERE SUBOR-
DINATED AND DIVIDED AMONG FOUR IMPERIAL POWERS. THREE
HAVE BEEN BANISHED, WHILE THE FOURTH, ETHIOPIA, CON-
TINUES TO HOLD THE OGADEN, A SIZEABLE PART OF THE
HISTORIC SOMALILAND. LIKE COLONIAL EMPIRES OF THE PAST,
ETHIOPIA HAS CONTENTED THAT IT HELPS THE OGADEN, YET
THERE IS EVIDENCE NEITHER OF ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT
NOR HUMAN RIGHTS. ETHIOPIA CONTENTS THAT THE PEOPLE OF
THE OGADEN SUPPORT IT, A CLAIM BELIED BY THE CONTINUING
AND VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE SOMALI OGADEN TO WIN THEIR
SELF-DETERMINATION. LIKE COLONIAL EMPIRES OF THE PAST,
ETHIOPIA HAS NOW BROUGHT IN FOREIGN MERCENARIES TO
SUPPRESS THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA. ETHIOPIA HAS NO RIGHT
TO BE IN THE OGADEN. ITS PRESENCE VIOLATES THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF THE SOMALI PEOPLES OF THE REGION. THEY ARE
ENTITLED TO DECOLONIZATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION AND
ETHIOPIAN AND FOREIGN MERCENARY EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS
THESE RIGHTS ARE ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOMALI
PEOPLE." YOUNG

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